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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT PERSISTING IMPRESSION
OF SYRIANS, WHICH THEY HAVE CONVEYED TO ARAFAT, THAT
MODIFICATION OF RESOLUTION 242 IS A POSSIBILITY WE MIGHT
PURSUE COULD INCREASE RESISTANCE TO MORE REALISTIC
OPTIONS. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE NEXT OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO KHADDAM, NOTING THAT YOU ARE
SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS:

-- WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS
ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN US AND OUR SYRIAN FRIENDS OR ON
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THE PART OF ARAFAT THAT COULD LEAD TO UNREALISTIC EX-
PECTATIONS.

-- WE ARE CONVINCED THERE IS NO PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF
MODIFYING THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION 242. GIVEN THE DELICATE
BALANCE REPRESENTED BY THE RESOLUTION, ATTEMPTS AT THIS
STAGE TO ALTER THE LANGUAGE COULD ONLY RESULT IN ITS

UNRAVELLING, WITH SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEACE
NEGOTIATION EFFORT.

-- IT WAS THIS VERY IMPRACTICABILITY THAT LED US TO
CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVE OF THE PLO RESERVING ITS
POSITION ON THAT PART OF THE RESOLUTION THAT CALLS FOR
"A JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM." VANCE

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